

Shepley House (Hunnewell-Shepley House, Portland Club)
156 State Street, southwest side between Pine and
Spring Streets
Portland
Cumberland County
Maine

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STATE Maine	COUNTY Cumberland	TOWN OR VICINITY Portland
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Shepley House		HABS NO. ME-127
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Cunnewell-Shepley House, Portland Club		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES) 56 State Street, southwest side between Pine and Spring Streets		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1805	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) Alexander Parris	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Architect Parris a noted New England architect of the Federal Period. Original appearance of the building well documented through original plans and elevations. Listed in the National Register of Historic Places.		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE) Federal		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Frame, covered by clapboards; brick sides		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Rectangular; 5-bay front; rear wing; low hipped roof; entrance portico		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Central, 2nd story palladian window set in blind arch; balustrade at roof line; side lights and fanlight		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED) See photocopies of original floor plans.		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES In 1922, after the Portland Club bought the house, architect John Calvin Stevens modified the facade. He added the palladian window & window caps, replaced the original portico columns, and removed the portico parapet. The interior has also been extensively altered.		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE Being used in 1974 as a private club. Condition as documented in 1969 appears good.		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
REFERENCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) Parris, Denys Peter. <u>Maine Catalog, Historic American Buildings Survey</u> . 1974. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places.		
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